

Applic. No. 10/615,567

Amdt. dated November 4, 2005

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Remarks/Arguments:

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-21 remain in the application. Claims 1-15 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1 and 16 have been amended. Claim 18 is being cancelled herewith.

In the last paragraph on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, claims 16, 17, 19, 20, and 21 have been rejected as being fully anticipated by Dhong et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,954,854) (hereinafter "Dhong") under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

It is appreciatively noted from the last paragraph on page 3 of the Office action that claim 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 16 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 18. Therefore, claim 16 is allowable. Since claim 16 is allowable, dependent claims 17 and 19-21 are allowable as well.

Method claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of the allowable device claim 16. Therefore,

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claim 1 is in condition to be rejoined under MPEP 821.04.

Accordingly, the Examiner is kindly requested to rejoin the allowable method claims 1-15.

Since only allowable claims remain, the early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is solicited herewith.

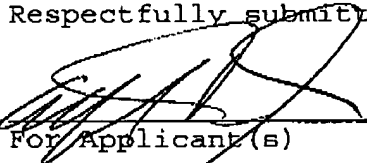
In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel respectfully requests a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

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to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner &  
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